

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Various claims are being amended as shown above. No new matter is being added by the amendment to the claims.

In the office action, claims 14, 15, 17-20, 36, and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Patel (US. Pat. No. 5,430,611) in view of Nagesh (US Pat. No. 5,324,569) and Fox, Jr., et al. (US Pat. No. 5,160,269). Independent claim 14 is being amended to recite allowable matter. Accordingly, claim 14 is patentable over Patel-Nagesh-Fox combination. For the above reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103.

In the office action, claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Patel in view of Nagesh and Fox as applied to claim 14 above, and further in view of Smith, et al. (US Pat. No. 6,791,846 B2). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claim 16 depends from claim 14 and is patentable over the Patel-Nagesh-Fox-Smith combination for at least the same reasons that claim 14 is patentable over the Patel-Nagesh-Fox-Smith combination. Claim 16 depends from claim 14 and is patentable over the Patel-Fox-Smith combination for at least the same reasons that claim 14 is patentable over the Patel-Fox combination. Furthermore, claim 16 distinguishes over the Patel-Fox-Smith combination by reciting additional features in combination with the features recited in their base claim. Accordingly, claim 16 is patentable over the Patel-Fox-Smith combination. For the above reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103.

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims.

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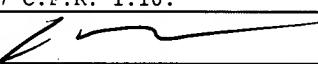
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